

MIATTA MONTHLY



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Dear friends,

At Labour's Party Conference this month, I was proud to sit in the hall and hear the Prime Minister call out the racism, hate and division that is being stoked in our communities and declare that our party will fight every day for the tolerant, decent and compassionate Britain that we all know. And he made it clear that the way we respond to the rise of Reform is to deliver the change we know that people in our communities are desperate to see. More money in people's pockets, the NHS back on its feet, safer streets and more affordable homes.

This agenda matters for Peckham. Our commitment to kick start housebuilding with the biggest boost to social housing for a generation is vital for so many in our community trapped by the housing crisis. Our announcement of a new Digital NHS will allow so many more in our community to get the urgent appointments they need. But most importantly for me, the Prime Minister's pledge to push power out of Westminster and into our communities will allow renewal to be built from the grassroots up, by people who truly know what their communities need. I am proud to support that agenda.

I look forward to fighting for this agenda in the months ahead.

Miatta Fahnbulleh

MY WORK IN PECKHAM



COMMUNITY MEETING WITH AYLESBURY RESIDENTS

I returned to the Aylesbury Estate with the Council and the police to follow up on residents' concerns about housing disrepair and anti-social behaviour. We updated residents on the important work being done to improve conditions and heard about the work we still need to do. I was encouraged by the community's persistence in pressing for improvements, and I remain determined to secure safe, decent housing for all residents.

BOROUGH OF SANCTUARY EVENT

I attended Southwark Council's Borough of Sanctuary Event to reconnect with organisations supporting people seeking refuge and to hear more about their work on the ground. I was struck by the dedication and compassion shown across our community, and by the council's ongoing commitment to making Southwark a welcoming place for all. I am grateful to Cllr Jasmine Ali for her leadership, and I will continue working to ensure that those seeking sanctuary receive support.



RYE LANE WALKABOUT WITH LOCAL POLICE

I visited Rye Lane to see the impact of serious anti-social behaviour and criminal activity on the local community, and helped bring residents, police, council officers and housing associations together to address these issues. I am confident this collaborative effort will lead to a positive outcome for the community.



MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH

I recently met with Stephanie Peacock, Minister for Sport, Tourism, Civil Society and Youth, to discuss the Government's Youth Pilot Scheme and how this could work in Peckham. We discussed the scheme's goals and how local councils can leverage it, looked at opportunities to strengthen council capacity and how we can shape national policy. I look forward to welcoming Minister Peacock to Peckham to see Peckham's community driven youth services model first hand, and to talk to her further about what more we can do to improve these services.

IN PARLIAMENT

This month has seen me take on a new challenge as Minister for Devolution, Faith and Communities.

I have long advocated for the transfer of power from Westminster to local people. I am incredibly excited by the opportunity to oversee the groundbreaking English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill through Parliament, a once in a generation opportunity to hand more power to local authorities and local people. For instance, we are giving communities strong new powers with a Community Right to Buy - the right for communities to take back control of the assets that make up our communities - pubs, libraries, swimming pools, music venues and more. Similarly, we are giving Mayors the right to request new powers where they need them, to help improve local transport, housing and investment.

National renewal must start as community renewal. It is through handing power and funding to our communities that this Government will be able to deliver the tangible change that people need to see – to revitalise their high streets, rebuild their community spaces and improve their youth services.

CASEWORK SUCCESS

In September, my team and I continued to help many of you across the constituency, on a wide range of issues, most notably on housing and financial issues. We also continue to hold regular surgeries both online and in person across the constituency. If you need our help, do get in touch.

REHOUSING A FAMILY OF SIX IN NEW ACCOMMODATION

My team have been supporting a family of six, who were living in damp, unsafe housing. I was pleased this month to have confirmation that Southwark Council have secured them new accommodation, close to their current housing and within reach of their local support networks and facilities. This is an excellent outcome for the family.

SECURING IMPROVED HOUSING BAND RANKINGS FOR CONSTITUENTS IN NEED OF NEW HOUSING

Securing suitable and decent housing continues to be a priority for so many of my constituents. I was pleased this month to be able to successfully support multiple constituents have their banding upgraded, to better reflect their needs and help them to secure appropriate and decent housing faster.



POLICY

In September, I also responded to 1,327 policy enquiries from constituents. Hearing your views - on everything from conflict and protest to climate and energy - continues to shape my work in Parliament.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write into me.

LOOKING AHEAD

At Conference, the Prime Minister set out a positive and ambitious vision for this Government, and committed to Renew Britain by bringing about the change that people are so desperate to see in their communities. Although I know that there have been some mistakes along the way, I am looking forward to the next phase of this government and I am absolutely committed to working at pace to deliver that change for Peckham.

As well as my work in Parliament to deliver that change, this month in Peckham I will be:

- Visiting an independent living programme to hear about the vital work Centrepoin is doing for young people in our constituency.
- Meeting with local NHS health representatives to discuss how we can further improve provision in our community.
- Supporting the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers to hear about the important work they do for people in our community.
- Meeting with more constituents online and in person to discuss issues impacting them.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Cost of Living support

Please visit Southwark Council's website for Cost-of-Living support here -

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support>

Southwark Emergency and Hardship Support here -

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support/financial-support-and-advice/grants-and-local-charities>

Domestic abuse help and support

Solace Women's Aid

- Advice line: 0808 802 5565
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Additional Hours: 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesdays.
- Email: advice@solacewomensaid.org

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

- Freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Support for victims of crime

Victim Support South London

South London Victim Assessment and Referral Service on Freephone: 0808 168 9291, then dial 3
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 8:00pm

If you need support outside of open hours, call the Supportline on Freephone: 0808 1689 111
· Supportline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. · Website:

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/resources/south-london/>

Citizens Advice Southwark

National Advice line: 0808 278 7849

Peckham Citizens Advice

97 Peckham High Street, London, SE15 5RS
Drop In Service: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Walworth Citizens Advice

6-8 Westmoreland Road, London, SE17 2AY
Drop In Service: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Housing and Homelessness

Southwark Council

Southwark Council Out of Hours
Homelessness Assistance: 0207 525 5000, choose option 3
Opening Hours: before 9am and after 5pm, Monday to Friday and during weekends Southwark Council's Homelessness webpage:
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/finding-a-new-home/advice-about-homelessness>.

Southwark Council Housing

Options: 0207 525 4140
Opening Hours: between 9am and 5 pm, on weekdays Email:
housing.options@southwark.gov.uk.

Legal advice

Cambridge House Law Centre

Address: The Printworks, Unit F, 22 Amelia Street, London, SE17 3PY

Telephone Number: 0207 358 7025

Email: lawcentre@ch1889.org · Website:
<https://ch1889.org/law-centre/>

Southwark Law Centre

Address: Hanover Park House, 14-16 Hanover Park, London SE15 5HG

Phone: 020 7732 2008

Opening hours: 9:00 - 17:30

Email:
enquiries@southwarklawcentre.org.uk

Migrant Legal Action

Address: 53 Addington Square,
London. SE5 7LB

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday,
9:00am - 1:00pm (for
appointments)
· Reception Telephone Number:
0207 701 0141

Advice Line: 0203 150 1470
Hours: Monday - Friday, 2:00pm -
4:00pm · Email:
info@migrantlegalaction.org.uk
Immigration: Migrant Help UK

Asylum Help Freephone: 0808
8010 503
Freephone is open 24 hours, 7 days
a week, 365 days a year

Email: info@migranthelpuk.org ·

Website:
<https://www.migranthelpuk.org/>

Mental Health Support

Southwark Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Crisis Service
Telephone number: 020 3299 3219 or 020 3299 3220
Site Location: King's College Hospital
South London and Maudsley Crisis Support
If you need urgent help with your mental health, please call 0800 731 2864 (Option 1) 24 hours a day, to speak to the mental health crisis line.

Support for the Elderly: · Age UK Lewisham and Southwark
Phone Number: 0207 701 9700
Opening Hours: 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday
Address: Stones End Day Centre, 11 Scovell Road, London, SE1 1QQ
Advice Line for Age UK: 0800 678 1602
Opening Hours: 8am to 7pm, weekdays
Support with debt: · Debt Free Advice
Phone Number: 0800 808 5700
Opening Hours: 8am to 8pm, daily

Support for individuals with disabilities:
Scope: Disability Helpline: 0808 800 3333
Opening Hours: 9am to 6pm on weekdays,
10am to 6pm on Saturday